

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 655
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to recognize Melinda Ratcliff on receiving the
Girl Scout Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult changes, the Girl Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Ratcliff, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has earned the highest award a Girl Scout can attain, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award honors girls who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to their communities and an outstanding dedication to achievement; and

WHEREAS, to receive the award, Girl Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Senior Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to put her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values together to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, for her Gold Project, entitled "New to You: Sevier County Clothing Swap," Melinda Ratcliff organized a community clothing swap for needy children, which succeeded in benefiting 100 children in Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Rhonda and Craig Ratcliff, Melinda is a Senior at Sevier County High School, where she has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among her peers; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to recognize Melinda Ratcliff as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Melinda Ratcliff for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her on her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.